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## Understanding your iPad

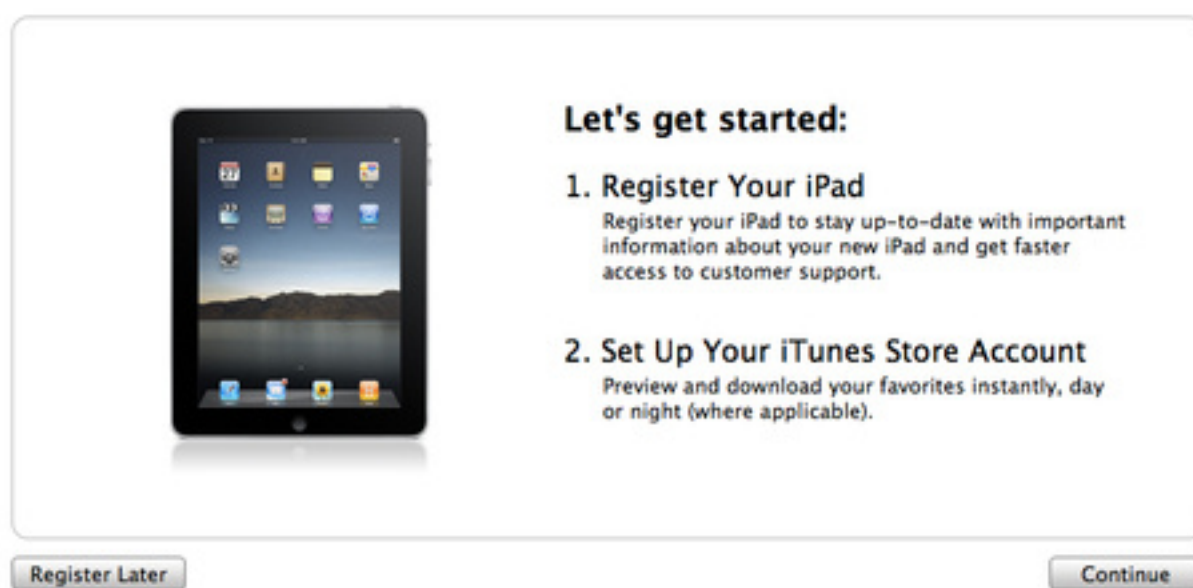
### How To: Set Up Your iPad the Right Way

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#### First Thing's First

Take it out of the packaging, and plug it in. iTunes should show this screen welcoming you to your [new iPad](#).

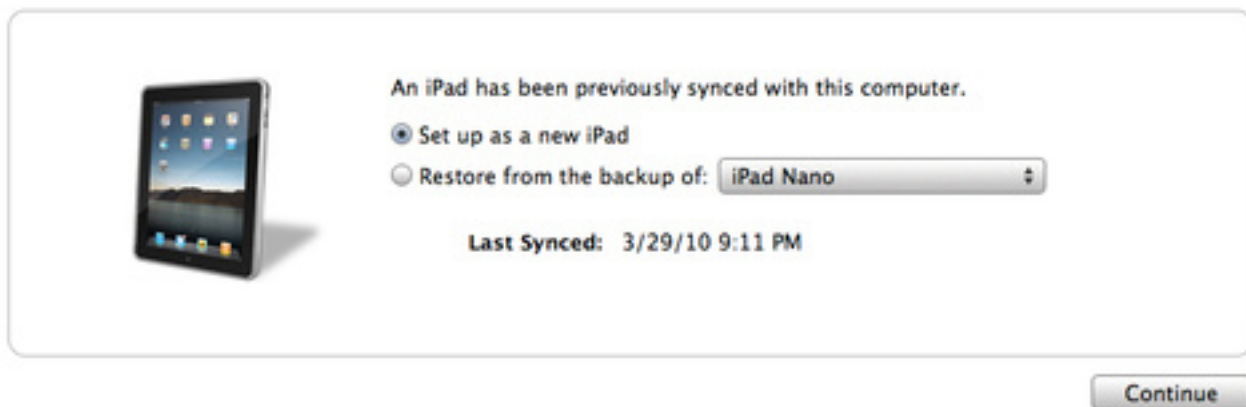
#### Welcome to Your New iPad



If not, don't panic. You probably just don't have the latest version of iTunes (9.1) installed. If you haven't updated, your iPad will charge but it won't show up in iTunes. So, you know, upgrade.

Press continue to get to the setting up, and click through the license agreement. Sign in with your iTunes account, or set one up if you don't have one already. You might get a message that says an iPad has previously been synced with your computer.

## Set Up Your iPad



That's weird, because one almost certainly has not been set up on your computer already. Select "Set up as a new iPad" and continue.

Here's where you have to start making some decisions. One thing you'll learn about your iPad is that you run out of space a lot quicker than you think. [iPad apps](#) are a lot bigger than their iPhone counterparts, and they start adding up quick.

The easiest thing to cut back on, for now, is media. We recommend against automatically syncing anything for now, because a bunch of TV shows and podcasts that hardly make a dent on your laptop's hard drive could eat up your whole iPad.

In all likelihood, you have a boatload of iPhone apps that you'll be tempted to dump onto your iPad. That'd be a mistake. Camera and GPS apps really have no use, so go ahead and uncheck those right away. Also, don't bother syncing any apps that have HD versions you're interested in.

Going through a long list of apps you already have on iTunes is sort of a pain at this point, with no way to differentiate between [iPhone and iPad](#) apps. They're just all lumped in together. Surely this will be addressed in a future iTunes update, but for now, if you're starting fresh, browsing the [App Store](#) on the iPad itself is much more satisfying.



Media is best synced manually, for the space issues we mentioned above. You can autofill songs in from play lists, or drag them in one by one from your iTunes library. Same for video.

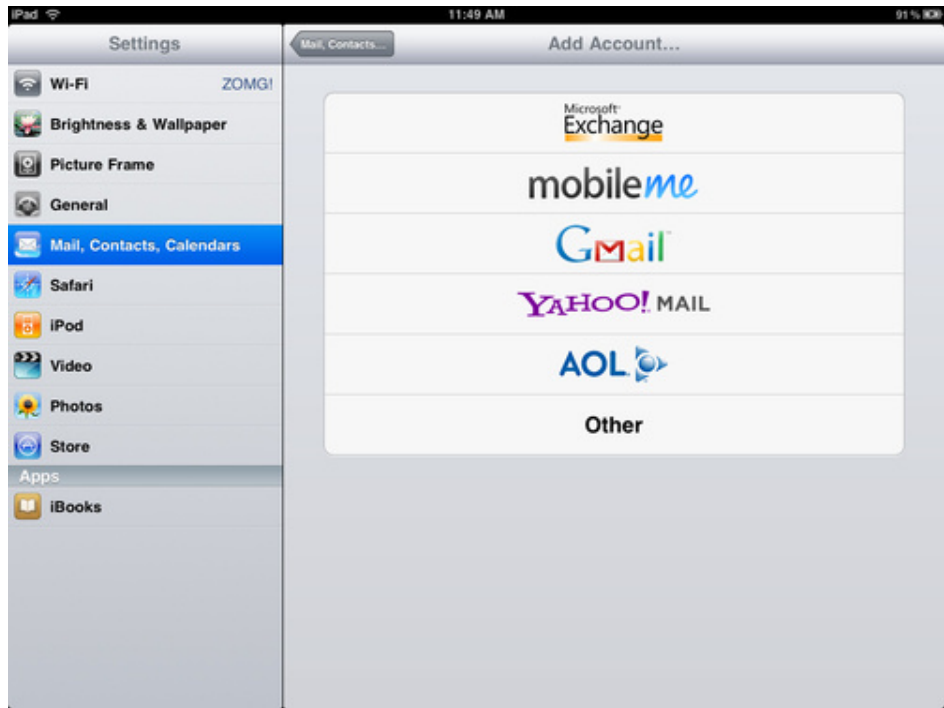


## Onto the iPad

So you've selectively synced your apps and you've dumped your most prized media. Now it's time to get down and dirty on the iPad itself.



Go to settings and hop on your Wi-Fi network of choice. You can add an e-mail account under the "Mail, Contacts, and Calendars" section just by typing in your basic info.

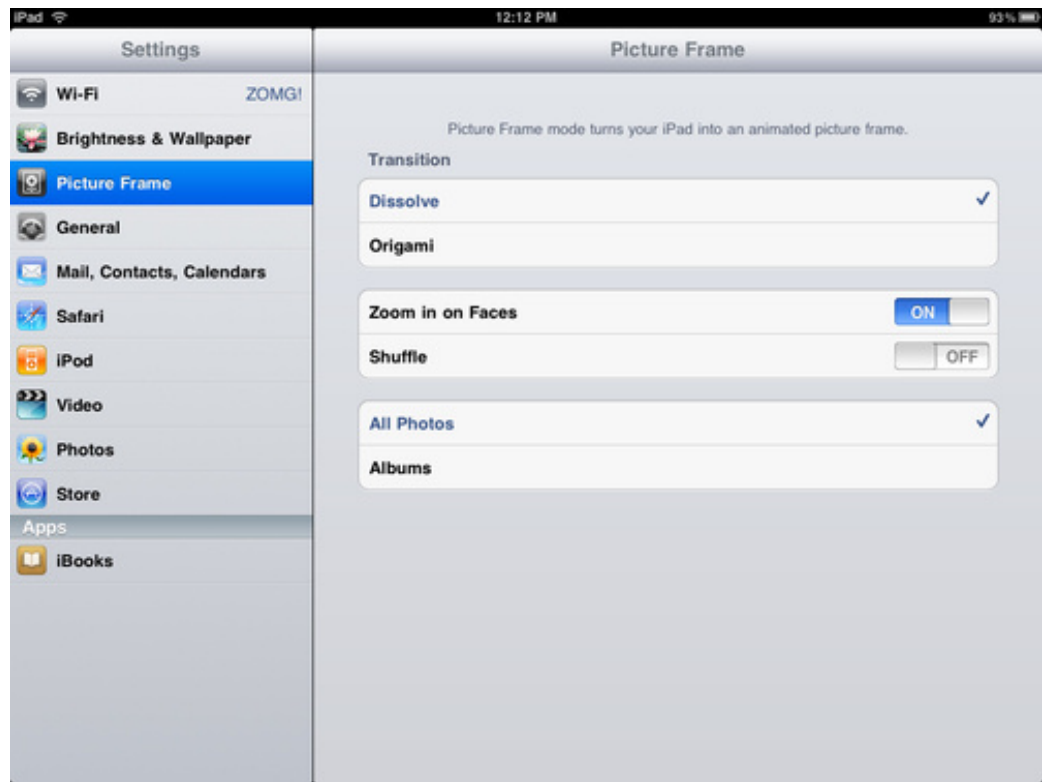


Note that there are all sorts of good settings here, like the ability to preview up to five lines of e-mails as opposed to the default of 2. Check out our collection of [10 Essential iPad Tips and Tricks](#) for more good tidbits like this. One of the best: your dock can hold up to 6 apps, instead of the iPhone's 4, so load that sucker up.

You can pull your MobileMe information to your iPad by setting it up from the same settings section.

Settings also has a section for the surprisingly snazzy Picture Frame mode. If you bought one of the docks you can press the little Mario fire flower icon to activate the mode, which can cycle through your Photo Roll, transition between shots, and zoom in on faces.

In the "Brightness & Wallpaper" section of the settings, you can pick a wallpaper (background image – your own photo?) and set it to either the lock screen, the home screen, or both.



## iPad Apps

go to the App Store to see what's available – everything from books, newspapers, games (including Scrabble, Sudoku, Solitaire), music, video convertors, photography, travel, weather, education and scoail networking.

Many are free, some cost money (often only \$10 or less) – note: some of the “free” ones come with ads which, if clicked, will take you to their site – usually a one-off fee of \$0.99 or similar will remove the ads (worth paying!)

